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KETODEHYDROEPIANDROSTERONE AND RELATED  
ANALOGS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above referenced application prior to consideration of the application on its merits, consistent with the instruction as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.